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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-58 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-58 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/05.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

Detailed Action

Claims 1-58 are pending in this application.

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed on 5/17/05 has been considered.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-58 objected to because of the following informalities:

As per claims 1-58, the examiner recommends to add either semicolon or commas after each limitation in each claim. For examination purposes, the examiner have added semicolon after each limitation in each claim.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-15,17-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 7,159,014 issued to Kausik.

As per claims 1, 15, 18, 31, 45, Kausik teaches a method for increasing the throughput of network communications(col.1, lines 15-20) comprising:

a processor(col.1, lines 15-20);
a memory coupled with the processor(col.1, lines 15-20);
a storage medium having instructions stored thereon which when executed cause the computing device to perform actions(col.1, lines 15-20);
receiving a response from a server(col.3, lines 5-10);
evaluating whether a content type of the response is appropriate(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15);
when the content type of the response is appropriate(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15);
evaluating whether the response has a status code that is actionable(Figs. 2-6, col.5, lines 30-37);
when the status code is actionable, reviewing the response to determine whether the response includes a native expiration(Figs. 2-6, col.5, lines 30-37);
when the response does not include the native expiration(Figs.2-6, col.5, lines 17-17-30);
calculating a calculated expiration for the response(Figs.2-6, col.5, lines 15-35, col.6, lines 18-25);
inserting the calculated expiration into the response creating an amended response(Figs.2-6, col.5, lines 15-35);
forwarding the amended response to a requester(col.5, line 45);
when the response includes the native expiration, forwarding the response to the requester(col.1, lines 40-45, col.4, lines 43-46);

when the status code is not actionable, forwarding the response to the requester(col.2, lines 18-28).

As per claims 2, 32, 46 wherein the server comprises an origin server(col.5, lines 10-15).

As per claims 3,17,25,36,50, comprising: receiving a request for an object from the requester(col.5, line 10); forwarding the request to the server(col.5, line 13); storing the amended response(col.5, line 40-45); providing the amended response to other requesters that request the object, the providing achieved without additional communication with the server(col.5, lines 45-56).

As per claims 4,37,51 wherein, when the response includes the native expiration, forwarding the response to the requester(col.2, lines 50-59).

As per claims 5,23,38,52, wherein the computed expiration is based on at least one of a response content type and a response resource identifier(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

As per claims 6,24,39,53, wherein the computed expiration is based on a time-to-live.

As per claims 7,33,47, further comprising: evaluating whether a content type of the response is appropriate; performing the reviewing only when the content type of the response is appropriate(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

As per claims 8,21,34,48, wherein the evaluating whether a content type of the response is appropriate comprises checking to determine whether the content type is in an appropriate type list(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

As per claims 9,22,35,49, wherein the appropriate type list comprises at least one of graphic, JavaScript, Cascading Style Sheet, portable document format (PDF), executable program, audio, video, and multimedia(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

As per claims 10,26,40,54, wherein the receiving a request comprises storing request information as request history data(col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35).

As per claims 11,27,41,55, wherein the request information includes a request resource identifier, a request content type, and a modification query when the modification query is present(Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35).

As per claims 12,28,42,56, wherein the computing the computed expiration comprises: evaluating whether the response includes a modification history(Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35); when the response includes the modification history, computing a time-to-live for the response based on an age factor, a current time and a value of the modification history(Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35); computing the computed expiration based on the current time and the time-to-live(Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35); when the response does not include the modification history, retrieving a modification query value from the request history data based on a response type and a response location(col.5, lines 10-55, Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35); when the modification query value is retrieved, computing the time-to-live for the response based on an age factor, a current time and the modification query value, computing the computed expiration based on the current time and the time-to-live when the retrieving the modification query value is not successful, forwarding the response to the requester(col.5, lines 10-55, Figs.2-6, col.2, lines 1-2, col.6, lines 1-35).

As per claims 13,29,43,57, Kausik does not explicitly teach when the time-to-live is greater than a defined maximum, setting the time-to-live to be the defined maximum; when the time-to-live is less than a defined minimum, forwarding the response to the requester(col.4, lines 41-62, col.6, lines 18-20).

As per claims 14,30,44,58, wherein the request is a hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) get, the modification query value is an HTTP if-modified-since value, and the modification history value is an HTTP last-modified value(Figs.2-6).

As per claim 19, wherein the evaluating whether a content type of the response is appropriate comprises checking to determine whether the content type is a graphic image(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

As per claim 20, wherein the evaluating whether a content type of the response is appropriate comprises checking to determine whether the content type is one of a Graphics Interchange Format (GIF) file or Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) file(col.3, lines 58-col.4, lines 15).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 7,159,014 issued to Kausik in further view of US Publication 2004/0068579 issued to Marmigere et al.(Marmigere).

As per claim 16, Kausik does not explicitly teach wherein evaluating whether the response has a status code that is actionable comprises checking to determine whether the response has a hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) status code of "OK" or "Not Modified".

Marmigere explicitly teaches evaluating whether the response has a status code that is actionable comprises checking to determine whether the response has a hyper-text transfer protocol (HTTP) status code of "OK" or "Not Modified"(para. 0049).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the teachings of Kausik, to include "Not Modified" as a status code as taught by Marmigere in order to for the server to determine whether an object has been modified or not (Marmigere, para.0049).

One ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine the teachings of Kausik and Marmigere in order to provide a system to improve the caching of objects(Marmigere, para. 0001).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Backhean Tiv whose telephone number is (571) 272-5654. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 7-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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